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SUBJECT: MISSION ENDORSES DIS SUPPORT AT UPCOMING UN
PLEDGING CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY

¶1. (SBU) The UN will host an October 2 pledging conference in Brussels for P5 nations and other donor countries to seek financial support for programs under MINURCAT's Trust Fund. The UN is specifically seeking 21.6 million USD to finance continued training for the Chadian Integrated Security Detachment (DIS) and programs in the judicial and prison sectors, all of which are funded exclusively through the Trust Fund. Nine months after its inception, the DIS is already registering concrete community policing successes, having contributed to improved security in the east. Mission strongly endorses continued U.S. involvement in training and financial support for the DIS, which benefits not only refugees and internally displaced persons but all Chadians, the GOC, and the international community. (Reftel provides MINURCAT SRSG Victor Angelo's most recent assessment of the DIS.) END SUMMARY.

UN REQUEST FOR DIS SUPPORT

¶2. (SBU) Funding for many capacity-building and community support programs within MINURCAT's mandate comes from outside the peacekeeping operation's main budget. The MINURCAT Trust Fund, which is replenished by voluntary contributions of UN member states, is the primary source of money used to pay for capacity-building and community support projects. Alain LeRoy, UN Undersecretary General for Peacekeeping Operations, has invited P5 countries, as well as other current and prospective donors, to attend an October 2 pledging conference in Brussels for the Trust Fund. The UN is seeking continued financial support for the Chadian Integrated Security Detachment (DIS) and for MINURCAT's justice and prisons programs, all funded exclusively through the Trust Fund. According to the UN, donors have contributed a total of 22 million USD to the Trust Fund during 2008 and 2009, including 2 million USD each year from the USG (via PRM funding sources). The UN estimates that it will need an additional 21.6 million USD in 2010 to fund the DIS and justice and prisons programs throughout that year.

¶3. (SBU) The UN sees the DIS and a revitalized Chadian

judicial system as complementary projects. The efforts of the DIS, which has been developing capacity in apprehending perpetrators, naturally reinforces a better-functioning judicial system that is capable of processing cases, providing adequate legal support, and incarcerating alleged criminals. The UN's 2010 appeal of 21.6 M USD is designed to finance programs aimed at restoring rule of law in Chad. The UN's judicial and prison program will also benefit from, and reinforce, an EU-funded program in security sector reform, which is just beginning.

DIS: ALREADY REGISTERING SUCCESS

14. (SBU) By all local accounts, the DIS has developed into a law enforcement entity that has improved security in eastern Chad. The UN's efforts and continuous training cycles have not only created basic policing capacity among the force, but have increased arrests, successful pursuit of criminal cases, confiscation of weapons, and recovery of stolen humanitarian agency and NGO vehicles. With the mandated 850-member DIS force fully deployed, MINURCAT plans to use part of its planned 2010 budget of 21.6M USD to augment DIS capabilities in the areas of firearms usage, crowd control, the role of judicial police, and community policing. The UN recognizes that the long-term sustainability of the DIS depends on political and financial support from the GOC. MINURCAT and the GOC will begin discussions in 2010 to develop a plan for full GOC financial support of the DIS.

COMMENT

15. (SBU) Mission believes that the 850-member DIS has developed into a positive law enforcement entity in Chad. MINURCAT's training has sometimes been the only standardized policing instruction available in country. The success of the DIS some nine months after its inception is a testament to the desire of the Chadian gendarmerie to aid in increasing security for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs), and to coordinate with international institutions attempting to help resolve a major international crisis. We encourage continued USG funding for the Trust Fund, whether through existing resources or other funding streams aimed at increasing police capacity, local understanding of rule of law, and the desire of more progressive elements in Chadian society to protect the most vulnerable in their midst. END COMMENT.

16. (U) Minimize considered.
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